



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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At its meeting held August 29, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“On May 3, 2006, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors passed landmark legislation requiring dogs in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County with reasonable exemptions for competition dogs, service dogs, law enforcement dogs, and dogs with medical deferments to be spayed or neutered and have a microchip implanted. This proactive measure will reduce public safety threats from stray dogs as well as reduce the number of dogs euthanized in County shelters each year. It also is being reviewed for adoption in many other local government jurisdictions.

“The County of Los Angeles’ Department of Animal Care and Control began providing free microchips and enforcement of this ordinance for all dogs impounded into County shelters on June 3, 2006. Over 12,000 microchips have been implanted to date. The Department also implemented a 90-day grace period to give dog owners whose dogs were not impounded by the Department time to comply with the new ordinance. However, due to the high demand for spay/neuter and microchip services, a number of County dog owners may not be able to achieve compliance by the end of this grace period.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Director of Animal Care and Control was instructed to take the following actions:

1. Extend the grace period by six months for compliance with the ordinance implementing the Mandatory Spay and Neuter Program for dogs in order to give dog owners whose dogs are not impounded by the Department greater opportunity to comply with the ordinance which requires dogs, with reasonable exemptions, in the unincorporated areas of the County to be spayed or neutered and have a microchip implanted; and
2. Report back to the Board within 30 days on measures taken to enhance the Department's community outreach on services available to the community concerning the new ordinance.

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